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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 17, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As requested in the Notice, Applicant submits a corrected Amendment to the Claims corrected to list the status of claim 16 as "Currently Amended".

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: